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Islam has declared the service of human being as a great worship. After the acceptance of Tawheed, the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّمَ) and Namaz, Zakat is the third obligation of Islam. The Quran mentions prayer and the payment of Zakat in various places.

By discussing the pillars of Islam and the basic rules of Islam, Tawheed and Risalet (To believe in Allah and the Holy Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّمَ) as his last prophet, the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّمَ) ordered Zakat and charity. An important attribute of the believers is that they feed the needy, orphans, passengers and prisoners because of the love of Almighty Allah. Through Zakat and charity, Allah helps the needy and distressed servants.

Verses Containing the Importance of Zakat and Charity

Orphans are mentioned in many places of the Quran. Allah Almighty says:

“Take from their wealth ˹O Prophet˺ charity to purify and bless them, and pray for them—surely your prayer is a source of comfort for them. And Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing”

(Surah Al-Baqarah, Ayat 103).

“And keep up (establish, perform) the Prayer and give Zakat (the alms) and whatever good you send before for yourselves, you shall find it with Allah. Certainly, Allah is All-Seeing of what you do”

(Surat Al-Baqarah Ayat.110).

They ask thee, (O Muhammad), what they shall spend. Say that which ye spend for good (must go) to parents and near kindred and orphans and the needy and the wayfarer. And whatsoever good ye do, lo! Allah is Aware of it.

(Surat Al-Baqarah Ayat. 215).

Nay, but ye (for your part) honour not the orphan.

(Surat Al-Fajr Ayat. 17)

Have you seen the one who denies the ˹final˺ Judgment?

(Surat Al-Maun Ayat.1)

“That is he who repulses the orphan.”

(Surat Al-Maun Ayat. 2)

And feed with food the needy wretch, the orphan and the prisoner, for love of Him,

(Surat Al-Insan Ayat. 8)

Give to close relatives their due, as well as the poor and ˹needy˺ travellers. And do not spend wastefully.

(Surat Al-Bani Israel Ayat. 26)

Surely the wasteful are ˹like˺ brothers to the devils. And the Devil is ever ungrateful to his Lord.

(Surat Al-Bani Israel Ayat. 27)

(Remember) when We took a pledge from the children of Isrā'īl (Israel): "You shall not worship anyone other than Allah, and you shall do good to the parents, and to the near of kin, and to orphans and the needy. And say to the people what is good, and be steadfast in Salāh (prayer), and pay Zakāh." Then, you went back (on your word), all but a few among you, and you are used to turning away.

(Surat Al-Baqarah Ayat. 83)

It is not righteousness that ye turn your faces to the East and the West, but righteous is he who believeth in Allah and the Last Day and the angels and the Scripture and the prophets; and giveth wealth, for love of Him, to kinsfolk and to orphans and the needy and the wayfarer and to those who ask, and to set slaves free; and observe the proper worship and payeth the poor-due. And those who keep their treaty when they make one, and the patient in tribulation and adversity and time of stress. Such are they who are sincere. Such are, the Allah-fearing.

(Surat Al-Baqarah Ayat. 177)

"And they ask you concerning the orphans. Say, 'Acting righteously with them is the most charitable. (i.e. better) And in case you intermix with them, they are then your brethren; and Allah knows the corruptor from the reformer; (i.e. the doer of righteousness) and if Allah

had (so) decided, He would have indeed distressed you; surely Allah is Ever-Mighty, Ever-Wise."

(Surat Al-Baqarah Ayat. 220)

And give unto orphans their wealth. Exchange not the good for the bad (in your management thereof) nor absorb their wealth into your own wealth. Lo! That would be a great sin.

(Surat Al- Nisa, Ayat. 2)

And if ye fear that ye will not deal fairly by the orphans, marry other women who seem good to you, two or three or four; and if ye fear that ye cannot do justice (to so many) then be content with only one wife, or the concubines you own. Thus it is more likely that ye will not do injustice.

(Surah Al-Nisa, Ayat. 3)

And test the orphans until they reach the age of marriage, and then if you find them mature of mind, hand over to them their property, and do not eat it up by either spending extravagantly or in haste, fearing that they would grow up (and claim it). If the guardian of the orphan is rich, let him abstain entirely (from his ward's property); and if he is poor, let him partake of it in a fair measure. When you hand over their

property to them let there be witnesses on their behalf. Allah is sufficient to take account (of your deeds).

(Surah Al- Nisa, Ayat. 6)

And when kinsfolk and orphans and the needy are present at the division (of the heritage), bestow on them therefrom and speak kindly unto them.

(Surah Al-Nisa Ayat. 8)

Lo! Those who devour the wealth of orphans wrongfully, they do but swallow fire into their bellies, and they will be exposed to the burning flame.

(Surah Al-Nisa Ayat.10)

And worship Allah. Ascribe nothing as a partner unto Him. (Show) kindness unto parents, and unto near kindred, and orphans, and the needy, and unto the neighbour who is of kin (unto you) and the neighbour who is not of kin, and the fellow-traveller and the wayfarer and (the slaves) whom your right hands possess. Lo! Allah loveth not such as are proud and boastful.

(Surah Al-Nisa, Ayat. 36)

They consult thee concerning women. Say: Allah giveth you decree concerning them, and the Scripture which hath been recited unto you (giveth decree), concerning female orphans and those unto whom ye give not that which is ordained for them though ye desire to marry them, and (concerning) the weak among children, and that ye should deal justly with orphans. Whatever good you do, lo! Allah is ever aware of it.

(Surah Al-Nisa, Ayat. 127)

And do not go near the property of the orphan but in the most likeable manner until he reaches the age of maturity. And always give full measure and weight with justice. We do not burden any soul beyond its ability to bear it. And when you say (something pertaining to somebody), do justice even though he is (your) near relative. And always fulfil the promise of Allah. These are (the matters) which He has strictly ordained for you in order that you may accept direction and guidance.

(Surat Al- An'am, Ayat. 152)

And know that whatever spoils of war taken, then one-fifth of it belongs exclusively to Allah and to the messenger, and to their the kindred and the orphans and the needy and the wayfarer if you have believed in Allah and what We sent down upon Our bondman on the

Day of Decision the day when the two armies met. And Allah can do everything.

(Surat Al-Anfal, Ayat. 41)

And come not near the wealth of the orphan, save with that which is better till he comes to strength, and keep the covenant. Lo! Of the covenant it will be asked.

(Surat Al-Bani Israel, Ayat. 34)

And as for the wall, it belonged to two orphan boys in the city, and there was beneath it a treasure belonging to them, and their father had been righteous, and thy Lord intended that they should come to their full strength and should bring forth their treasure as a mercy from their Lord; and I did it not upon my own command. Such is the interpretation of that wherewith thou couldst not bear.

(Surat Al-Kahaf Ayat 82)

That which Allah giveth as spoil unto His messenger from the people of the townships, it is for Allah and His messenger and for the near of kin and the orphans and the needy and the wayfarer, that it become not a commodity between the rich among you. And whatsoever

the messenger giveth you, take it. And whatsoever he forbiddeth, abstain (from it). And keep your duty to Allah. Lo! Allah is stern in reprisal.

(Surah Al-Hashr, Ayat. 7)

But he had not attempted the Ascent. Ah, what will convey unto thee what the Ascent is! (It is) to free a slave, And to feed on the day of hunger, an orphan next of kin. Or some poor wretch in misery.

(Surat Al-Balad, Ayat. 11-16)

(O Beloved!) Did He not find you an orphan, and then provided you (a dignifying and graceful) abode?

(Surah Al- Doha Ayat. 6)

So, never should you be strict with any orphan.

(Surah Al-Doha, Ayat. 9)

Allah Almighty has strictly forbidden the Messenger from scolding at beggars. Allah Almighty says:

O Messenger, do not reproach any beggar (seeking help at your door). **(Surah Al-Doha Ayat. 10)**

A Collection of Hadith Containing the Importance of Zakat and Charity

The Reward of Helping Muslims

Hazrat Ibn-e-Umar (رضی اللہ عنہ) said, “the Prophet (صَلَّى اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said ‘The person who is busy in fulfilling the need of his brother, Allah keep fulfilling his need.

(Sahih Bukhari: 2442)

The Reward of Sponsorship of Orphan

It is narrated from Hazrat Sahal (رضی اللہ عنہ) that the messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said, "the sponsor of orphan and I will be in heaven this way, the Prophet (صَلَّى اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) pointed out by joining the index finger and the middle finger.

(Sahih Bukhari: 5304).

Status of the Weak and the Poor

It is narrated from Hazrat Abu Darda (رضی اللہ عنہ) that The Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said, "look for me amongst weak people, I will meet you with them. Because you get earning due to the weak and you are helped because of them. (Mastadrk Hakim 2509).

Do not be Harsh on Destitute

It is narrated from Hazrat Abu Qatadah (رضی اللہ عنہ) that The Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said, "Whoever wants from Allah to save him from the difficulties of the Judgment Day and give him the shadow of His throne, that person should give relaxation to the needy and destitute (in claiming their own rights). (Sunan Ibn-e-Maja: 4592).

The Best Deeds

It is narrated from Hazrat Abu Hurayrah (رضی اللہ عنہ) that the Messenger of Allah was asked, "Which deed is the best?" The Prophet said:

1) Create happiness in your Muslim brother's heart.

2) Or pay the loan of your Muslim brother.

3) Or feed the Muslim. (Shaib Al- Emaan: 7273)

High Ranks for the Poor

Hazrat Anas (رضی اللہ عنہ) says that the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) prayed that O Allah, keep me alive among the poor, to die among the poor and be with the poor at the Judgment Day. Hazrat Ayesha asked the Holy Prophet (صَلَّى اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم), 'Why is it so? The Prophet (صَلَّى اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) replied that they (the needy and the poor) will enter into the Paradise 40 years earlier than the rich. O Ayesha! Never return a poor without

giving him, even half a date. Love the poor and make them close to you. In this way, Allah will bless you His closeness and intention on the Day of Judgment.

(Sunan Al-Tirmizi: 2352).

Prayers of Angels

Hazrat Abu Hurayrah narrates that the Prophet (صَلَّى اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said that there is no morning on the people but two angels are revealed in it, one of them says "O Allah, give output to the spenders and O Allah, destroy the property of the holder (the closefisted)".

(Sahih Bukhari: 1442)

Who are the people of paradise?

Hazrat Ayaaz Majashi (رضی اللہ عنہ) narrates, the Prophet (صَلَّى اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said that the people of paradise are of three types:

1) **The people who make justice, those who give alms, the granted people of the nation (who work for the sake of Allah).**
2) **The man who has a soft heart for all his relatives and Muslims.**
3) **The man who is pure and honest in dealings having family, but he does not spread hand (does not beg) in front of anyone.**

(Sahih Muslim: 2865).

Unprecedented Pieces of Advice

Hazrat Hakim Bin Hizaam (رضی اللہ عنہ) narrates that Prophet (صَلَّى اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said:

1) **The upper hand is better than the lower hand.**
2) **And start charity with those who are in your care.**

3) **And the best charity is that which is done with the wealth of the heart. (So that the man does not become self-needy).**
4) **And whoever wants to avoid begging, Allah saves him.**
5) **And whoever wants to become richer than the people, Allah makes him needless.**

(Sahih Bukhari: 1427).

Giving Charity does not Reduce Wealth

Hazrat Abu Hurayrah (رضی اللہ عنہ) narrates that the Holy Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: Giving charity does not reduce wealth and the person who kept on forgiving others, his honour is high and the person who is humble, Allah elevates his rank more than ever.

(Sahih Muslim: 2588)

Giving Charity is blessed with Sustenance

Hazrat Abu Hurayrah (رضی اللہ عنہ) narrates that the Holy Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: "Allah Almighty says: O son of Adam (AS)! Spend (on needy), I will spend on you too.

(Sahih Bukhari: 5253).

Which Deed is the best?

It is narrated from Hazrat Abdullah bin Umar (رضی اللہ عنہ) that a person asked from the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) that which act of Islam is the best? The Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: Feed people. And whom you know and whom you do not know, greet everyone.

(Sahih Bukhari: 12)

Better to Spend More than needed

It is narrated from Hazrat Abu Imama (رضی اللہ عنہ) that the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: O the progeny of Adam! It is better for you to spend more than your needs. If you stop it, it will be bad for you. And start giving up from your family. And the hand above (the hand giving) is better than the lower hand (receiving hand).

(Sahih Muslim: 1036)

Appreciation of Charity in Front of Allah

It is narrated from Hazrat Abu Hurayrah (رضی اللہ عنہ) that The Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: The one who made a charity equal to a date from the pure earning, Allah takes him in His right hand and Allah only accepts pure earning. Then He keeps increasing for that person. Just as one of you nourishes his calf even as that charity becomes equal to the mountain.

(Sahih Bukhari: 1410).

The Terrible Fate of not Paying Zakat

Hazrat Abu Hurayrah (رضی اللہ عنہ) narrates that The Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: Whoever does not pay zakat of his wealth, his wealth will be made in the form of a snake of fire on the Day of Judgment. Then it will be blown on his forehead. And this day will equal to length of fifty thousand years, until the people's account will be completed.

(Sunan Nasai: 11557)

Reward for Giving Charity to Relatives

Hazrat Adi bin Hatim (رضی اللہ عنہ) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: The reward of charity on the poor is an only charity, but there are two good deeds of charity on relative: (charity and mercy). (Ibn-e-Maja: 1844)

The End of not Paying Zakat

Hazrat Abu Hurayrah (رضی اللہ عنہ) narrates that the Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) says: the person to whom Allah Almighty has given the wealth, but he does not pay his zakat, then on the Day of Judgement, the wealth will come in the form of a bald snake. The one who has black stains on both eyes will catch him with his jaws, then will say to him, "I am your wealth, I am your treasure".

(Shaab-ul-Emaan: 3029)

A Charity is Obligatory on each Joint of the Human body

Hazrat Abu Hurayrah (رضی اللہ عنہ) narrates that the Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: A charity is obligatory on each joint of the human body. It is charity to arbitrate between two men. Helping a man in mounting his ride is charity, or helping him in loading the luggage on it, is charity. Saying good things to someone is a charity and removing a nuisance from the path is also charity.

(Sahih Bukhari: 2989)

The Useful Wealth for Man

Hazrat Mutrf (رضی اللہ عنہ), by referring to his father, says that when I came to the service of the Prophet (PBUH), he (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) was reciting Surah Al-Takasur and was saying that the son of Adam (AS) says, 'my wealth, my wealth'. Although, O son of Adam (AS), your wealth is only what you have eaten and finished or what you have worn and turn threadbare or what you have done in charity and delivered forward.

(Sahih Muslim: 3061)

There is no Shortage in Front of Allah

Hazrat Abu Hurayrah (رضی اللہ عنہ) narrates that the Prophet (PBUH) said to Hazrat Bilal (رضی اللہ عنہ) "O Bilal, spend on the needy and do not be afraid of this that Allah would lessen bestowal.

(Shaab-ul-Emaan: 1283)

Remove the Anger of Allah.

Hazrat Anas Bin Malik (رضی اللہ عنہ) narrates that the Prophet (PBUH) said, "Charity extinguishes the anger of Allah and removes the tragic death".

(Sunan Tirmizi: 664)

The Purpose of Wealth is to fulfil the Commandments of Allah

Hazrat Abu Waaqid (رضی اللہ عنہ) narrates that the Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said, "Allah says that we have sent down the wealth so that prayer should be established and zakat should be paid, and if the son of Adam

also has two valleys of gold and silver, he will wish for one more, and nothing can fill the stomach of the son of Adam except dust. However, whoever repents, Allah is inclined towards him.

(Maajum Kabeer: 3301)

Always Working Thing

Hazrat Anas Bin Malik (رضی اللہ عنہ) narrates that the Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: three things go after the dead; two of these things return, and one stays with it. The people of his house and his wealth return back, and his actions (deeds) are left with him.

(Sahih Bukhari: 6514)

Give Charity, No Matter, be it a Little

Hazrat Abu Hurayrah (رضی اللہ عنہ) narrates that he asked from the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم): Which charity is the best? The Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: The man who has financial crisis and works hard to get the amount for charity.

(Musnad Ahmad: 205)

Everlasting Deeds

Hazrat Abu Hurayrah (رضی اللہ عنہ) narrates that the Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: When a person dies, all deeds except three are disconnected,

1. **Continual Charity**
2. **The beneficial knowledge**
3. **Or the pious children who pray for him.** **(Muslim: 1631)**

Relief from Troubles

Hazrat Anas (رضی اللہ عنہ) narrates that the Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: Hurry to give charity because trouble cannot jump over it (reach to a person).

(Shaab –ul-Emaan: 3082)

Protection of Wealth and Cure of Sick People

Hazrat Abdullah Bin Masood (رضی اللہ عنہ) narrates that the Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: secure your possessions through zakat, treat your sick through charity, and keep supplications ready to tribulations.

(Maajum Kabeer: 10196)

Treatment of the Strictness of Heart

It is narrated by Hazrat Abu Hurayrah (رضی اللہ عنہ) that a person complained of his strict heart from the Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم). The Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: Have mercy upon orphans and feed the poor.

(Musnad Ashamed: 9018)

How to Get the Blessings of Allah?

It is narrated from Hazrat Abu Hurayrah (رضی اللہ عنہ) that the Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: 'Allah tells his servants that you keep spending on others, I will keep spending on you'. (Sahih Bukhari: 4684)

The Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) Never Forbade any Beggar

Hazrat Jabir narrates (رضی اللہ عنہ) that it never happened that the Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) was asked about something (someone begged from him), and He (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) never said 'NO'.

(Sahih Bukhari: 6034)

Gold Equal to Mount Uhud

It is narrated by Hazrat Abu Hurayrah (رضی اللہ عنہ) that the Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: If I had gold equal to the mountain of Uhud, I would be happy that even the three nights do not pass on me that I have anything left of it. The only thing I keep for myself would be to pay for a debt.

(Sahih Bukhari: 2389)

Faith and Miserliness Never Cohabit

It is narrated from Hazrat Abu Hurayrah (رضی اللہ عنہ) the Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: Greed and miserliness and faith can never be gathered in one heart (means there is no pair between Emaan, greed and miserliness)

(Sunan Nasai: 4303)

Respect the Orphans and the Poor

Hazrat Abu Imama (رضی اللہ عنہ) narrates that the Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: Fear your Lord, say prayer five times a day, keep one-month fasts, pay zakat of your wealth, and obey your chieftain. You will enter into the paradise of your Lord. **(Sunan Tirmizi: 616)**

Rights of Widow and Needy

It is narrated from Hazrat Abu Hurayrah (رضی اللہ عنہ) that the Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: Striving for the help of the widow and the needy is equal to the one who is fighting in the path of Allah.

(Sahih Muslim: 2982)

The Most Favourite Muslim in front of Allah

The messenger of Allah (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: The most favourite people in front of Allah are those from whom the other Muslims get happiness or get ease due to them or they pay the debts of their Muslim brothers or they remove the hunger of the hungry. And the one who went to meet the needs of his Muslim brother until the need was fulfilled, Allah keep him steadfast on that day when there will be instability (at the Day of Judgment). So verily, mischief destroys good deeds the way vinegar ruins honey. ` (Sahih –ul- Jami)

The Source of receiving the Mercy of Almighty Allah

Feeding the poor makes it obligatory for mercy. (Hakim)

The Deed that Expel Hell Away

Offering food and water to a hungry man pushes Hell three and a half years away. (Hakim)

Reward of Planting Tree

1. **If a Muslim plants a fruit tree, the one who would eat fruit from it is a charity. The fruits that will be stolen are also charity. Whoever takes something from these fruits is also a charity. (Sahih Muslim)**
2. **Of the fruit tree planted by someone and if a man or animal eats the fruit from it, all this is charity and reward will be given at the Day of Judgement.**

   (Sahih Muslim)
3. **Planting fruit tree is among the evergreen virtues**

   (Buzar, Abu Naeem)

The Source of Getting Everlasting Blessings of Heaven.

Whoever feeds a hungry, Allah will feed him the fruits of paradise. Who offers to drink water to a thirsty, then Allah will make him drink the stamped wine of heaven. A person who dresses up poor, Allah will dress him up in a green dress of paradise.

(Tirmizi)

There is a Reward in Treating Every Living Thing

Hazrat Saraaqah Bin Jaasham (رضی اللہ عنہ) asked: "Ya Rasool Allah! I fill water in the pool for my camel, other camels also come to drink water. Is there any reward for watering these other camels? The Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: There is a reward in treating well to every living thing.

(Musnad Ahmad: 17581)

Treating every living thing well, brings reward

It is narrated from Hazrat Abu Hurayrah (رضی اللہ عنہ) that once a man was going, he felt thirsty. He landed into a well and drank water from it. When he came out of the well, he saw that a dog was panting and licking mud because of thirst. He said that he would be thirsty as I was, so he filled his boot with water, then holding it in his mouth climbed out of the well and watered the dog. Allah accepted his goodness and forgave him. People questioned, "Ya Rasool Allah, (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) is there reward for us, in animals too? The Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said. "It is a reward for treating every living being well".

(Sahih Bukhari: 2363)

Charity is the source of salvation from Hell

If anyone can escape Hell by giving dates in charity, he must save his life from Hell. (Bukhari Muslim)

Honour of the Charitable People on the Judgement Day

On the day of Judgement, when people will be busy in giving accountability, the charity givers will be in the shadow of their charity.

(Ahmad, Ibn-e-Khuzaima)

Charity as Source of Salvation from Agony of Grave

The charity givers will be protected from the fire of the grave. Charity extinguishes the fire of grave. (Tabrani)

Deeds whose Reward Continue after Death

Even after death, the reward of seven things continues. Though the person is in the grave, the reward is continued:

1. **Teaching Religious Studies**
2. **Constructing water canals**
3. **Digging well**
4. **Planting trees**
5. **Building Mosque**
6. **Leave the Quran for recitation**
7. **A pious son who prays for the salvation after his father dies.**

(Bzaar, Abu Naeem)

Reward for Managing Well for People

If anyone gets a well dug, and if any living being goes there and drinks water from it, Allah will reward that person on the Day of Judgement.

(Bukhari)

Charity Cools Down the Wrath of Allah

Charity cools down the anger of Allah and protects man from a tragic death.

(Tirmizi)

Saying Good Thing is also Charity

If you do not have to give charity, say good things to people. If this is not the case, do not harm anyone. (Bzaar)

The Reward of Generosity.

The charity giver is near Allah and heaven. If a generous is ignorant, he is more beloved to Allah than a miser ombudsman. (Tirmizi)

When your kings and rulers are truthful, your rich are generous, and your works are done with mutual discussion, then your life is better than death. And if the rulers are bad, rich are miser, and you are under the opinion of women, then it is better to die than to live. (Tirmizi)

The charity of minor wealth is also highly valued

A woman said, "Sometimes, beggar stands at my door, and I have nothing to offer". He (صَلَّى اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: if you have nothing and only have the hoof of a goat, then give it to the beggar.

(Tirmizi, Ibn-e-Khuzaima)

The Reward of Secret Charity

Whoever gives charity so secretly that the right-hand remained unaware of the left, this person will be in the shadow of the throne of Allah on the Day of Judgment. Offering charity secretly cools down the wrath of Allah. Doing good deeds with relatives increases the age.

(Tabrani)

Hazrat Abuzar (رضی اللہ عنہ) asked what charity is the best, He (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said, "To give secretly."

(Musnad Ahmad)

Which charity is the best?

Hazrat Abu Ayub Ansari (رضی اللہ عنہ) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: 'The best charity is one which is offered to the kind enemy'. (Tabrani: 3923)

Great Benefits of Charity

Charity increases the age of a Muslim and protects them from an evil death. Giving charity does not create pride and superiority complex among a man. (Tabrani)

The Reward to fulfil the Need of a Widow

It is narrated from Hazrat Abu Hurayrah (رضی اللہ عنہ) that the Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: A man who struggles for a widow or needy is same (in terms of reward, in front of Allah) as the one who fights for Allah (Jihad) and he (Hazrat Abu Hurayrah (رضی اللہ عنہ)) further narrated that I think the Holy Prophet also said: The person will be like a man who keeps on praying for the whole night without laziness and also like a man who keeps fasts (roza) regularly and never miss a day.

(Sahih Bukhari: 6007, Sahih Muslim: 2982)

The Virtue of Raising an Orphan

It is narrated from Hazrat Abdullah Bin Abbas (رضی اللہ عنہ), the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: If a servant of Allah take the responsibility of any of Muslim's orphan and has shared his food with that orphan, then Allah will surely make him enter into paradise except for that man who has committed an unforgiveable crime. (Tirmizi: 1917)

Which is the best home of Muslims?

It is narrated from Hazrat Abu Hurayrah (رضی اللہ عنہ) that the Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: The best home in Muslim families is the one in which there is an orphan and he is treated well. And the worst house among the homes of Muslims is that in which there is an orphan and he is treated badly. (Ibn-e-Maja: 3679)

The man who isn't a believer…..!

It is narrated from Hazrat Ibn-e-Abbas (رضی اللہ عنہ) that the Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: By Allah! A man cannot be a Muslim who eats to his fill while his neighbour remains hungry there.

(Behiquee: 19668)

The Reward of Visiting Patient

It is narrated from Hazrat Ali (رضی اللہ عنہ), the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: The person who went out during the day to

discover a patient's condition, seventy thousand angels walk with him and they continue to ask for his forgiveness from Allah till the evening; and if he went in the evening to discover the patient's well-being, so seventy thousand angels walk with him and they continue to seek forgiveness for him till morning. And also, there will be fruits in heaven for him.

(Musnad Ahmad: 975)

Reward to Accomplish the Need of a Muslim

It is narrated from Hazrat Ibn-e-Abbas (رضی اللہ عنہ) that the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: Whoever came out to meet the need of a Muslim brother and accomplished it, it is better than ten years' Aitikaf for him.

(Al-Targheeb-Wa-Tarheeb: 662)

Requests

To help widows and orphans, travellers, the poor, handicapped, patients, old, prisoners and trouble victims is counted as the charitable tasks for mankind. The Quran and Hadiths of the Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) have described the importance of zakat and charity and many virtues. The general phenomenon is found in common houses that the employees of the household are usually healthy and not counted among the needy and the poor but they are granted Zakat and Sadaqah. Zakat and Sadaqah are also granted to professional beggars. People are requested to recognize their responsibilities regarding zakat and charity, and they equally distribute their Zakat and Sadaqah to widows, orphans, the sick, and prisoners.

The Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said:

> **“The person who is healthy, able to earn and financially stable has no share in Sadaqah.”** **(Bukhari & Muslim)**

Provide medicines to the sick in hospitals and bear the cost of their operations. Facilitate kidney failure patients with dialysis equipment. Plant more and more saplings and establish their continuous maintenance system so that they become fruitful trees. Protect water from wastage and provide more and more people with clean water.

Miserable humanity is helped solely to please Allah; therefore, there is no need to show off the kind favour done upon needy, widows, orphans, and poor. Muslims are humbly requested that they serve humanity as a religious service and get the blessings of Deen and the world. Spending in the way of Allah brings Allah’s blessings here and the hereafter.

Jazak Allah

Mashood Mufti

بِسْمِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلرَّحْمَٰنِ ٱلرَّحِيمِ

I pray to Allah that this book would be the reason of salvation here and on the Day of Judgment for me; my Islamic scholars from Ludhiana; my forefathers, Maulana Abdul Qadir Ludhianvi (Ra), Mufti Abdullah Ludhianvi (Ra); my grandfather, Mufti Muhammad Naeem Ludhianvi (Ra); my grandmother (Ra); my maternal grandmother and grandfather; my Father; my Mother (Ra); and all the siblings (Ameen).

Mashood Mufti

It is narrated from Hazrat Abu Hurayrah (رضی اللہ عنہ) that the Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: It is obligatory for every healthy person to give charity every day. Then again the Prophet (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: It is charity to arbitrate between two men. Helping a man in mounting his ride is charity, or helping him in loading the luggage on it, is charity. Saying good things to someone is a charity and removing a nuisance from the path is also charity.

(Musnad Ahmad: 2183)

It is narrated from Hazrat Abu Hurayrah (رضی اللہ عنہ) that the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) said: the generous man is near to Allah, Paradise, and to the people; and far from hell. While a miser is far away from Allah, far from people, far away from heaven, and near to hell. And Allah loves illiterate generous people more than the miser worshippers of Allah.

(Tirmizi: 1961)